



Genesis 3:14-15—The Fall—Part 3
From sermon 5.31.20

Read *Genesis 3:14-15*

Review from Sunday's sermon: After displaying His holy nature and before exhibiting His grace nature, Jesus now sentences each party, one-by-one, in the Fall. He first turns to the serpent and Satan. Although the Genesis text is brief, when added to the many other portions the Bible contains about the devil, his work, his limits, and his future, we get a sound doctrine on how the enemy operates and his mission.

1. On Sunday, it was briefly mentioned that a change in Dispensations occurred at the Fall. Review what a dispensation is and which change happened in Genesis 3. Dispensation simply means management or stewardship. It's the doctrine that God has broken down human history in Ages of stewardship for man: each with its own responsibilities and each with its own blessings and consequences. In Genesis 3, man left the Age of Innocence and entered the Age of Conscience.

2. In the curse on Satan is included his rules of conduct or engagement. What are they and what does each mean? [these are in a reverse order from Sunday]

- A Promise of Final Defeat _____ See also *Revelation 20:10*
- Guaranteed Imprisonment for Disobedience See also *Jude 6, 2 Peter 2:4, & Luke 8:30-31*
- Requirement to have Divine Permission to Engage God's Elect

2a. Examples of Satan coming before God and/or being permitted access to God's People:

Job 1:9-12—_____

Luke 22:31—_____

1 Kings 22:20-22—_____

2 Corinthians 12:7—_____

1 Corinthians 5:4-5—_____

3. Satan, despite many attempts, could not stop Christ's First Coming. What, then, is he busy doing now? Trying to thwart His Second Coming. This includes: attacking/diving/rendering ineffective the true church & genuine Christians & destroying Israel = making God's Word fail.

Therefore, we hold that every true believer has a target on their back and is in a Spiritual Warfare. See *Ephesians 6:10-18*

4. What does the Scripture say about Christians calling out/rebuking/communicating with/exorcising demons? Nothing. Christians cannot be possessed. We battle evil and temptation with the Word, prayer, intercessory prayer, and sometimes fasting*. An unsaved person cannot be delivered.

5. What permission does Satan need to engage, control, or tempt the Lost (= anyone outside of a saving relationship with Christ, as revealed in Scripture)? None
See also *John 8:44 & 2 Corinthians 4:3-4*

6. On Sunday, it was also taught that Satan's greatest tool is not blatant evil, atheism, humanism, or evolution. Instead, it is what? false religion/false Christianity. In a world population of almost 8 billion, 75% identify with religion other than Biblical Christianity = 6 billion. Religious, pious, membership, good works, charitable, devotion, sincerity, rituals, any giving of a false sense of security. NHC commitment to preach the Good News and expose the bad/false.